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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 1 and 8 March 1954, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik, Luckenwalde, was occupied as previously by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 1, 4 and 8 March, about 100 troops drilled and about 30 troops maintained motor vehicles in the installation. Officers were continuously seen en route to and from the installation. Motor vehicles

were identified. One steel mast, 1 radio truck, and 1 generator, connected with the installation by a cable, were in the meadows about 250 meters south-southwest of the installation.

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2. Beginning on 3 March, Stalag I (3321) south of the road fork formed by the roads to Luckenwalde and Frankenfelde, was occupied by an estimated 500 to 600 troops. Sentries and troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 3, 4, 6 and 8 March, drill was observed in the installation. At about 11 a.m. on 2 March, 12 trucks,

arrived at the installation from the direction of Markendorf and, from there, proceeded to the ammunition depot, from where they returned toward Markendorf, loaded with ammunition boxes. At about 6 p.m. on the same day, 9 trucks and 2 rocket launchers,

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entered the installation from the direction of Jaenickendorf. In the afternoon on 4 March, 3 rocket launchers were being cleaned in the installation. In the afternoon on 5 March, 5 trucks left the installation for the ammunition depot and, after loading, proceeded toward the training area. Trucks were seen en route to and from the installation.

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3. Beginning on 3 March, Stalag II (3321) was occupied by an estimated 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 3, 4 and 5 March, troops observed in the installation engaged exclusively in fatigue duty and maintenance work on motor vehicles. Numerous officers and EM were seen en route between Stalags I and II. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation

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4. During the period under review, the Forst Zinna training grounds was restricted for certain periods of time. In the afternoon on 2 March, 3 x 76.2-mm field guns, 2 x 85-mm AT guns, 8 trucks and about 60 troops were observed in Jagen (forest section) No 40. Firing with 7 x 85-mm guns and 3 x 76.2-mm guns was conducted between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 3 March. On 6 March, 2 JS-2 tanks left Camp Forst Zinna for the engine house, from where they fired at mounds about 800 meters west of the engine house. Between noon and 1:30 p.m. on the same day, 2 rocket launchers and 3 x 76.2-mm field guns were seen firing in Jagen

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5. Between 1 and 8 March, Camp Forst Zinna (3207) was occupied by an estimated 2,000 troops. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation.

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1. [] Comment. The Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik can be carried occupied as previously 25X1 by a training unit of the Third Gds Mech Army, which also conducted officer courses.

2. [] Comment. Elements of the 91st Gds RL Regt stationed in Stalage I and II participated in exercises of the Third Gds Mech Army in the Brand-Justerbog area between 27 February and 3 March. [] Other units of the 25X1 regiment are believed to have continually conducted firing practices in the training area west of Zinna.

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